

# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

## Approved Trail Minutes

3/07/2023 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW

*The roads became icy just ahead of the meeting preventing several members from attending.*

In Attendance: Rob & Lori Baldwin, Thomie Dombrowski, Chris Schlegel & Frank Allen  
February minutes approved: Thomie moved to approve, Rob seconded. All approved

Reviewed Action Items and tabled all until April

**Tabled Action:** Contact fire Dept of large amount of brush in one spot. Not to move it, but to make fire department aware:

**Tabled Action:** follow up with Ron regarding brush debris

▪ **Action:** Remaining brush work

- Only a problem for 3-4 years
- Remaining work; 2 people, 1-2 hours
- And 1-2 hours of clean up at summit (around old picnic table)

**Tabled Action:** Spring – Vote to decide if need to trim (2) trees that could obstruct view as the leaves come in

**Action:** Engage Gary about dedicating a bench to Tom Howe) Bench will be sited at summit

**Budget Action report from Thomie:** GCC fund will pay for the Howe/Urner kiosk so \$1500 was removed from the budget. We will assist with the design, content and installation. Lori revised the primary projects budget to reflect the change.

### Review/Edit/Approve 2023 Project Budget

Estimated Cost	Project	Trail	Source of Funds?	Budget Year
\$ 660	Plank Walk	Cogswell		2023
\$ 500	Summit Tree Work	Cogswell		2023
\$ 2,500	East Summit Clearing	Cogswell		2023
\$ 330	Kiosk Repair	Jones/Tasse		2023
\$ 440	Signs/Blazing	Jones/Tasse		2023
\$ 1,320	Plank Walk	Jones/Tasse		2023
\$ 250	Maps/Kiosk/Map Box	Jones/Tasse		2023

Adjusted total is \$6000

Rob moves to approve budget, Tommie seconds, all approve.

## **Earth Day Event at GYRLA Sat. Apr. 22 10am-2pm**

### **We will host our first volunteer drive.**

Gilmanton Energy Commission sponsoring.

**Needs:** Staffing sign-up: Chris, Rob, Lori, Frank, Thomie. Will enlist other members to participate.

Pop-up/table/chairs: Historical Society to supply.

Materials/maps/handouts: Thomie was assist with maps/town will print handouts

Volunteer form/sign-ups: Laptop with electronic form. Rob & Lori will create paper form.

Offer Guided hikes of the Beaver Loop Trail

Lori to create GCC Trails Sub-Committee Facebook post to announce it.

Group will review & assign tasks at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **Additional business:**

Frank reports on clearing East summit clearing.

Frank reports that the '**Picture Post Project**' (Beaver Loop) was 'shut down' in 2022. Project sponsored by University of Oklahoma. Frank plans to remove the signage but will leave the post..

### **April Agenda items:**

BRATTS President Dan Tinkam will attend our meeting to share about their organization.

Begin Drafting a management plan for maintenance of trails/trails committee

- Adopt-a-trail

What are the liability consequences for landowners who open their conservation land up to the public for hiking? Is this a question for the conservation sponsors? (e.g. Five Rivers, SPNHF)

### **Grants**

Thomie: In order to get a grant, must attend a workshop. Short window between attending grant workshop and submitting the grant

Lori to send details to sub-committee.